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1. AS DEPT AWARE EMBASSY HAS MADE REPEATED REQUESTS FOR A MAJOR AMERICAN THEATRICAL GROUP TO VISIT ROMANIA DURING ITS CENTENNIAL IN 1977. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION RE-EMPHASIZED THAT GOR GIVES FIRST PRIORITY TO VISIT OF MAJOR AMERICAN THEATER GROUP DURING CENTENNIAL.

2. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPT ON PRIORITY BASIS NAMES OF U S THEATHER GROUPS PLANNING VISIT TO EUROPE IN 1977 AND SOME INDICATION AS TO WHAT WE CAN EXPECT IN THE WAY OF DEPT ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING ONE OF THESE GROUPS TO ROMANIA IN 1977.

3. ACCORDING TO THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION, THE ROMANIAN ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR A MAJOR AMERICAN ARTISTIC EVENT DURING THE CENTENNIAL IS (1) AMERICAN THEATER (2) BALLET COMPANY, PREFERABLY MODERN (2) SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (4) EXHIBIT OF AMERICAN IMPRESSIONIST ART AND (5) FILM FESTIVAL. IN REGARDS TO THE LATTER, GOR PLANNING
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FESTIVAL OF ROMANIAN FILMS IN NEW YORK IN 1977 AND WOULD LIKE EMBASSY HELP IN ARRANGING SIMILAR FESTIVAL AFTER NEW YORK IN WASHINGTON AT AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED TITLES OF FILMS AND DATE OF FESTIVAL BY YEAR'S END. WILL ADVISE DEPT AND AGENCY LATER.
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